

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1025 - SB 1100

March 17, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates the Tennessee Monuments and Memorials Commission (Commission). This Commission shall consist of nine members who shall serve without compensation, but be eligible for reimbursement of necessary travel expenditures. Requires the Commission to meet quarterly. This Commission is to be administratively attached to the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC). Requires the Commission to study, hear, and resolve petitions for waivers under the *Tennessee Heritage Protection Act* (Act) and removes such duties from the Tennessee Historical Commission (THC).

FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease State Expenditures – Net Impact – \$1,000/FY23-24 and Subsequent Years

Assumptions:

- It is assumed that the counsel currently serving the THC or the TDEC, in the study, hearing, and resolving of waivers under the Act can be utilized to do the same for the Commission.
- This nine-member Commission will meet quarterly.
- The work of the Commission will reduce the overall workload of the THC; therefore, there will be fewer annual meetings necessary for the THC.
- Based on information provided by the TDEC, the average expense reimbursement per member per meeting for THC is approximately \$84. It is assumed that the average reimbursement for the members of the Commission will be the same.
- An increase in state expenditures in FY23-24 and subsequent years of \$3,024 (9 members x 4 quarterly meetings x \$84).
- Over the past 3 calendar years, the THC has met 19 times or approximately 6 times annually.
- The THC will reduce total annual meetings by two full meetings.
- The THC consists of 5 ex-officio members and 24 non-ex-officio members.
- Only non-ex-officio members claim expense reimbursements.
- There will be a recurring decrease in state expenditures in FY23-24 and subsequent years of \$4,032 (24 members x 2 meetings x \$84).
- The net decrease in state expenditures in FY23-24 and subsequent years is estimated to be \$1,008 (\$4,032 - \$3,024).

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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